

Does it Matter?

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Elbows off the table. Don't chew with your mouth open. Sit up straight. Forks on the left, knives on the right (What if you're left-handed?). Don't talk with your mouth full. Say please, say thank you. Respect your elders, beware of strangers. Does it matter?

Team in red, team in blue, hoops, stripes, sashes, round balls, oval balls, no balls, shuttles instead. Grounds, ovals, pitches, lanes, courts, indoor, outdoor, umpires, referees, contact, non-contact, hit them hard, sin bin, winners, losers, did not finish, ribbons for all, winner takes all. Does it matter?

Put some pork on your fork. Meat is murder. Chickens are people too, but they also taste delicious. Vegan, veggo, paleo, keto, halal, kosher, Jenny Craig, No Meat Mondays, fish on Fridays. Anorexia, bulimia. Sugar is bad, but it makes me happier than lettuce. Does it matter?

Grey haired fat chick. Skinny bottle blond. Baldy locks. Botox, lips like suction cups. Eyelashes thicker than a chimney sweeps brush. Pimples, acne, four eyes, shorty, barge arse, Miss Universe, plastic boobs standing up to grab attention. Ogling eyes. Chubby thighs. Hair in all the wrong places. Comments to criticise, praise or enlighten. Does it matter?

Likes, shares, baby goats in pajamas, Tic Tok, (not a clock) tweeting, twittering not a bird insight, bullying, scams. 92-year-old shares recipe for perfect scones, lounge suite free to good home, anyone seen my missing cat? Cattle out on the road near that pothole that's been there for over a year. Funeral for Fred on Thursday. Sale on toilet rolls that help save a dog. Does it matter?

Do you get the idea? Am I annoying you yet? Does it matter if I am? I will continue anyway.

Global warming, Greta Thunberg, melting ice caps. Save the whales, trees or money on recycled toilet paper. Toss it in the bin, fast fashion, donate to the homeless, they really need your old worn-out track pants. Drought stricken farmers, fields of hungry sheep,

and cows. Flooded towns hogging all the rain. Bush fires and mudslides. No snow in the ski fields, who cares? Only rich people can afford to ski! Does it matter?

Food bank free tissues for all. Street vendors selling mags, buy it and read it...or not! Donate to Brain cancer, ovarian cancer, breast cancer, lost dogs, lost dogs with cancer, wildlife rescue, homeless people, homeless people with cancer who have lost their dogs. Does it matter?

God, Buddha, Allah, Jehovah, Vishnu, Easter with its chocolate and bunnies and resurrection. Diwali, Hanukkah, Satanalia, Freemasons, Universal Consciousness. On your knees, stand up tall, hand on heart declare your truth, your faith. Wicca Goddesses bring forth spirits of the forest. Faith is belief without proof. The proof is in the pudding. I like pudding, and cake. Does it matter?

Hitler, Stalin, Trump the Taco, Churchill who never surrendered. Palestine, Jerusalem, Idi Amin, Pol Pot. Ethnic cleansing. Missiles, sarin gas, trenches mud in every crevice. Mortar fire, Hiroshima, Napoleon, Auschwitz. Ukraine, Putin the Putz. Simpson and his donkey, Florence Nightingale. Medecins Sans Frontieres. Does it matter?

I could continue but I don't want to bore you. Do you have your answer ready? I have asked you many times. What I didn't tell you was that it was all a trick. There is no answer to that question or there are as many answers as there are stars in the sky.

This is **my** answer. The question is wrong. It should not be 'Does it Matter?' Everything matters, no matter how small like a friendly smile, picking up rubbish, hanging up your wet towel; or however large like medical breakthroughs, war declaration, peace talks, calorie free cake finally invented. Therefore, I propose a new question. How **much** does it matter and more importantly to whom?